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Rapid Transit Grant, Fully Approved, Goes to Upper House Indorsed by All Parties

Complete and final harmony now exists on the Rapid Transit franchise extension bill between the Rapid Transit company, the governor, the Oahu senatorial committee having the bill in charge, the Merchants' association and other interested citizens. The bill was approved after an important session of the Oahu senators last night. This morning the board of directors of the Rapid Transit company went over the measure and unanimously approved it. It is to be reported favorably to the senate this afternoon. There are some whisperings there of slight opposition on the part of Democratic solons.

Final action on the bills for the extension of the franchise of Honolulu, the Rapid Transit and Land Co. was taken by the select committee of Oahu senators last night. At the meeting in the chamber of the senate, attended by the solons of the third district and a considerable number of businessmen this action was taken. Recommendations that the last bill drafted, that representing the agreement of Governor Frear, the street car company and C. R. Hemenway, attorney for the merchant's association, be passed by the legislature, and that S. B. 55, the franchise bill introduced by Senator Obillingworth, be laid on the table, and that all but section one of S. B. 70 be expunged, will be made by the committee.

This decision came after a long meeting, after the bill had been critically read, section by section. Mr. Hemenway, who was present during the entire meeting, assisted the committee at times, and offered explanations of several sections, which had not appeared clear to Chairman Cecil Brown.

It was almost two hours from the time the committee took up the bill until it voted to recommend the passage of the last draft.

Said Senator Judd: "I move that the committee recommend that after section one of S. B. 70, this measure be inserted, and that the balance of 70 be deleted, and that S. B. 55 be laid on the table."

This motion was carried, and if the report of the committee is adopted it will mean that the latest bill before the solons will be a substitute measure.

Senator Wirtz seconded the motion to adopt the new draft, and remarked that he hoped it succeeded before the legislature. That he has made a close study of it was shown during the discussion last night when the questions of stock and bond rights and the indeterminate franchise theory bobbed up.

The presence of Mr. Hemenway saved the committee considerable time. At several instances his explanations overcame the objections or questions raised by Chairman Brown, and in particular was this so when the place in the bill detailing the manner of purchase by the government of the company's rights was reached. It was then that Chairman Brown declared that under the bill the company would not be paid one cent for the franchise.

"The whole bill is drawn on the theory of an indeterminate franchise," replied Mr. Hemenway. "The government, in event it takes over the company's rights, is not to pay for the franchise itself, but only for the tangible property. You will see that that idea runs consistently through the entire bill."

The explanation satisfied Senator Brown, and from then until the end of the bill, few questions were raised. Senators Coke, Judd, Wirtz and Brown, members of the select Oahu committee, all were deeply interested in the bill, and it appears from their discussion that they were familiar with its provisions.

Though there were a number of business men present, they were not called on. One or two had said that they were present only to listen to the committee.

Satisfaction Felt
When the bill was finally passed, and approved so far as the committee was concerned, there were smiles of satisfaction on all sides, probably

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WILSON NOW LEANING TO McCANDLESS

Cause Must Be Shown President Why Link Should Not Be Appointed

BY C. S. ALBERT.

(Special Star-Bulletin Correspondence)

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 27.—President Wilson is leaning in the direction of appointing Lincoln E. McCandless to be governor of Hawaii. No definite conclusion has been reached but the president appears to believe that Mr. McCandless has been more strongly recommended for the position than any other candidate.

This statement is made on the highest possible authority. It does not result from speculation or gossip. It may only prove a straw but does indicate that the appointment wind is blowing toward Mr. McCandless. He declared that the contract makes the nose ahead in the gubernatorial race.

In having impressed the president's mind that he is the most available man for the governorship, Mr. McCandless has profited from good team work and a great mass of recommendations. He was personally endorsed by many prominent Democratic politicians from the state of Washington and other commonwealths along the Pacific coast. This has undoubtedly assisted Mr. McCandless in his candidacy.

The fact remains that Mr. McCandless will be bitterly assailed. He will be opposed all along the line. What ever complaints are lodged against him must have some foundation in fact. President Wilson is an obstinate and determined man. He will not abandon a purpose or forsake a friend unless plain reasons are set before him for doing so. He may hereafter be persuaded to drop McCandless but sufficient cause must be shown him.

Secretary Tumulty, who often is close adviser of the president on matters of appointment, has also reached the conclusion that Mr. McCandless has taken the lead and will prove a formidable competitor for the Hawaiian governorship.

In other respects the situation has undergone no material change during the dull period preceding the extraordinary session of Congress slated for April 7. Chairman McCombs and Secretary Lane have been busily occupied with all sorts of important affairs and have given little heed to the political status in Hawaii.

HARBOR BOARD IS PROBING WHARF CHARGES

Former Employee of Contractors Declares He Was Instructed to Use Underweight Copper

Informed through the testimony of John Herley, a laborer formerly in the employ of the Lord-Young Engineering Company, that 16-ounce copper sheets have been placed upon some of the piles of the Queen street bulkhead wharf whereas the specifications call for copper weighing 18 ounces to the linear foot, Harbor Commissioners C. J. McCarthy and James Wakefield have been appointed an committee to give the report a thorough investigation.

The harbor commission began first to get wind of the situation last Wednesday. Previously, it appears that Herley had visited Commissioner McCarthy and told him that underweight copper was being used on the wharf. McCarthy directed Herley to make his complaints to the commission. The commission had before it on Wednesday Inspector Richey, who reported on the facts of the copper had inspected. Engineer Parks and Herley Commissioners Berndt, McCarthy, McStocker and Wakefield were all present at the meeting.

None of the commission intimates that the contractors knowingly used the underweight copper, but all are anxious to find out just what the facts are and why Herley should have made his charges.

When seen by a representative of the Star-Bulletin this morning, Herley stated that he had been dismissed from the employ of the Lord-Young Company because of the disappearance of ten sheets of copper for which he was held responsible. He admitted freely that he was anxious to get back at the company for this reason. Herley stated that he put 16-ounce copper sheeting around the piles without knowing that the specifications call for 18-ounce.

"Foreman Agasy drew me little sketches of his own of the work required and never showed me the specifications," he stated.

A. Richey, territorial wharf inspector, reiterated when seen this morning the statements made Wednesday.

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Frear Converts Committee Says Nuuanu Water Is Safe

Governor Convinces Prospect Heights Delegation That Rights of Consumers Are Amply Protected by Terms of Contract with the Hawaiian Electric Company

Governor Frear convinced a committee from the Prospect Heights Improvement Club in a very few minutes this morning that the rights of Nuuanu water consumers are not endangered by the territorial contract with the Hawaiian Electric Company over which a lively controversy has arisen. The Prospect Heights club held a meeting last night and this morning a special committee composed of O. C. Swain, C. G. Owen and Wm. Thompson called on the governor. The governor told the committee that the rights of the consumers are amply protected, that the water can be shut off from the Hawaiian Electric Company's pipe-line in case there is any shortage and that the contract is so worded that Nuuanu and Alewa Heights people need not worry. He declared that the contract makes the nose ahead in the gubernatorial race.

NO SPECIAL SESSION IN SIGHT SAYS SPEAKER HOLSTEIN NOW

And Even Women's Suffrage May Be Helped Along Before Adjournment

It is now quite certain there will be no special session of the legislature. Incidentally, the seat left vacant by the death of Representative Poeppoe will remain without an occupant through the remaining sixteen days of the regular session.

The time is far too short to permit of a special election for a successor to the vacancy, to enable him to take part in the deliberations of the present session. Speaker Holstein said this morning that no special session is at all likely, and that the only value of a special election to choose a successor might be to have one in case a new chief executive is appointed by the national Democratic administration. In the event of the appointment of a new governor, that official might call a special session; if so, he would have ample time then to also call the special election to fill Poeppoe's place.

Territorial Secretary E. A. Mott-Smith, on whose office devolves the duty of issuing such calls and arranging the details of elections, coincides with this opinion.

CALIFORNIA BEET-SUGAR MEN HAVE NOVEL TARIFF CAMPAIGN

Lecturer Will Tour the United States with Moving Pictures of Home Industry

By ERNEST N. SMITH

(Special Star-Bulletin Correspondence)

SAN JOSE, Cal., April 1.—That the beet sugar interests are not slow to present their case to the public in connection with the fight against adverse tariff legislation is shown by a most interesting series of motion pictures I saw privately presented in Los Angeles the other day before being sent out over the United States.

The pictures were taken at the great sugar beet plant at Oxnard, California, and took the spectator through the process of sugar beet manufacture from the time the great gang plows went over the fields until the freight trains pulled out of the sheds with thousands of bags of sugar.

The pictures were absorbingly interesting, and were expertly taken to give the layman an understanding of the idea of the processes of manufacture, and more especially the enormity and importance of the beet sugar industry.

The lecturer, one of the officials of the sugar company in this instance, frankly explained that the pictures were to be used throughout America to arouse the people to the importance of the sugar industry, and clever lecturers would make every effort to impress the auditors with the importance of protecting the sugar industry in this country with the hopes that local representatives in Congress would hear from their constituents in the matter of seeing that the tariff bars were not lowered.

This work tied up with the work of the sugar lobbies at Washington, it was hoped, would produce satisfactory results.

Incidentally the southland and Los Angeles would be boosted as an important agricultural center. And in this land of a wonderful tourist crop, the agricultural or even manufacturing plea is no idle boast.

In previous correspondence mention was made of the wonderful new industrial town of Torrance, just outside Los Angeles, where manufacturing has already assumed the greatest importance.

lations of the water department and that the department will see that the Nuuanu valley people are not discriminated against.

The committee was completely converted and C. G. Owen and William Thompson, who later were interviewed by the Star-Bulletin, said that they see the matter in an entirely new light.

This afternoon at 4:30 o'clock a joint meeting of the Alewa Heights club and the Nuuanu club is called to meet in the Merchants' Association rooms and discuss the water contract, and Mr. Owen and Mr. Thompson say that they will attempt to explain the situation at this joint meeting, as it has been explained to them by the governor.

"We are perfectly satisfied," says Mr. Owen. "We feel that the rights of the consumers are amply protected."

"We are moving along nicely now," said Speaker Holstein, "and I can see no reason at present for an extra session. The only important feature still requiring detailed consideration is the general appropriation bill."

"The public utilities measure is in the hands of the committee but can be definitely decided in a very short time; the Honolulu charter bill already has passed the senate, is now in the house, and can be disposed of in a few days; the workmen's compensation measure is progressing nicely, and all other matters of moment can be cleared up without undue haste."

The speaker also took occasion to remark that virtually every pledge of the Republican campaign platform has been fulfilled, save that regarding women suffrage, and even offers a bright ray of hope to the suffragists.

"We were not ready to act on the woman suffrage question when it first came up," he said, "but it is by no means dead—merely tabled—and can be resurrected at any time. And it undoubtedly will be brought to the fore by the house leaders in the last two or three days of the session."

"We are not opposed to equal suffrage, by any means, and will probably enact some legislation on the subject before the session ends."

SENATE WORK ON UTILITY BILL ENDING

Special Committee Named to Put Important Measure Into Shape for Report

Having crossed the most perilous bridges of the utility bill, the reading of which was finished late yesterday afternoon, there remaining only three more points to cause a debate in the measure, the senate this morning ordered the Rice utility bill to a special committee, directing it to report as soon as possible.

Senators Rice, Judd and Metzger were appointed on the committee, and at 10 o'clock they began their work, which may result in a report being handed in tomorrow. The committee is also empowered to report on Senate Bill No. 3, the one introduced by Senator Metzger, and on Senator Baldwin's bill, both of which are for the creation of a public utility commission.

All but two sections of the bill under consideration by the senate, which has been sitting as a committee of a whole while the proposed law was being read, have now been passed. The first relates to the jurisdiction of the commission over foreign corporations operating in the territory as a public utility company, and the second concerns the bond and stock rights of corporations. One amendment may be incorporated in the report of the committee. This was suggested yesterday afternoon by Senator Judd when he was speaking of the franchise of the Hawaiian Electric Company. He stated that under its present franchise, a citizen on petition could bring the company into court to show cause why its rates should not be lowered. The proposed amendment will be to the end that the commission will have the power to act in the stead of a private citizen.

\$11,237 NOW IN FLOOD RELIEF FUND

Nearly twelve thousand dollars has now been received by the Flood Relief Committee, according to the report this morning by Chairman Westervelt and C. A. Cottrill, who today checked over with the Star-Bulletin the receipts to date.

And the money is still coming in. This morning the Star-Bulletin turned over to the committee in cash and checks \$410.65 received during the last few days. Of this the largest single item was from the Garden Island of Kauai, which opened a relief fund on Kauai and collected \$220, which was turned over to the committee today through the Star-Bulletin.

Following are contributions not previously acknowledged:

W. R. Felter, Koloa, Kauai	\$ 5.00
Frank Cox, Waimea, Kauai	5.00
Chinese Kanai contributors	38.00
Lihue Kegel Club, Lihue, Kauai	57.25
Garden Island Publishing Co.	220.00
Buckeye	5.00
Mrs. C. J. Campbell	5.00
Hazel	2.00
Students of Chinese Mun Lun School	28.00

Total \$410.65
Chairman Westervelt of the committee reported the following new subscriptions today:

F. S. Lyman, Hilo	\$ 5.00
Friend	1.00
Japanese Evangelical Association	35.60
Norman Watkins	10.00

The advertiser this morning turned over to Chairman Westervelt the sum of \$162.00.

The committee now reports the grand total as follows:

In bank and cash on hand	\$ 1,837.00
Forwarded to flood sufferers	9,400.00
Total collected	11,237.00

In addition the committee reports that the Masons sent forward a thousand dollars, the Elks two hundred and fifty and the Bishop Restarick has a fund of a hundred dollars. Furthermore, the committee has been reliably informed of \$1000 more sent from private sources.

The suffragists are said to be gaining headway in Italy, but their methods are quite different from those of their British sisters. The Roman women are fascinating parliament into granting them the ballot.

It has been rumored that Huerta and Felix Diaz have fallen out in Mexico, as a consequence of which one or the other may be assassinated and there may be further fighting in the streets of Mexico City.

Angeles who took his while family and went to town once a week to the theater. He didn't leave home either until after dinner, and was home a little after midnight, and his wife and daughter often drove the car into town to do their shopping. It would seem as if the farmer's life in Southern California had reached the climax.

PRESIDENT IS INSISTENT ON TARIFF CUTS

Message Talks of Avoiding Destruction but Emphasizes Party Pledges

Copies of President Wilson's message at the opening of the extraordinary session of congress, delivered on April 3, were received by mail today from Washington. The message deals with revision of the tariff.

The message referred to no particular schedule, mentioned no rates, and included no statistics. It was an enunciation of the president's principles on tariff revision. His specific views and ideas as to rates and duties, it has been generally accepted, will be contained in the tariff bill itself which he is now considering in detail. The president's decision to put the weight of the administration's influence behind the bill with its serious schedules drawn by the house ways and means committee, caused him to omit specific reference to tariff rates until the measure was finally agreed upon in the opening days of the present session.

The message says:
To the Senate and House of Representatives

"I have called the congress together in extraordinary session because a duty was laid upon the party now in power at the recent elections which it ought to perform promptly, in order that the burden carried by the people under existing law may be lightened as soon as possible and in order also that the business interests of the country may not be kept too long in suspense as to what the fiscal changes are to be which they will be required to adjust themselves. It is clear to the whole country that the tariff duties must be altered. They must be changed to meet the radical alteration in the conditions of our economic life which the country has witnessed within the last generation. While the whole face and method of our industrial and commercial life were being changed beyond recognition the tariff schedules have remained what they were before the change began, or have moved in the direction they were given when no large circumstance of our industrial development was what it is today. Our task is to square them with the actual facts. The sooner that is done the sooner we shall escape from suffering from the facts and the sooner our men of business will be free to thrive by the laws of nature (the nature of free business) instead of by the law of legislation and artificial arrangement."

"We have seen tariff legislation wander very far afield in our day—very far indeed from the field in which our prosperity might have had a normal growth and stimulation. No one who looks the facts squarely in the face or knows anything that lies beneath the surface of action can fail to perceive the principles upon which recent tariff legislation has been based. We long ago passed beyond the modest notion of 'protecting' the industries of the country and moved boldly forward to the idea that they were entitled to the direct patronage of the government. For a long time—a time so long that the men now active in public policy hardly remember the conditions that preceded it—we have sought in our tariff schedules to give each group of manufacturers or producers what they themselves thought that they needed in order to maintain a practically exclusive market as against the rest of the world. Consciously or unconsciously, we have built up a set of privileges and exemptions from competition behind which it was easy by any, even the crudest, forms of combination to organize monopoly; until at last nothing is normal, nothing is obliged to stand the tests of efficiency and economy. In our world of big business, but everything thrives by concerted arrangement. Only new principles of action will save us from a final hard crystallization of monopoly and a complete loss of the influences that quicken enterprise and keep independent energy alive."

"It is plain what those principles must be. We must abolish everything that bears even the semblance of privilege or of any kind of artificial advantage, and put our business men and producers under the stimulation of a constant necessity to be efficient, economical, and enterprising, masters of competitive supremacy, better workers and merchants than any in the world. Aside from the duties laid upon articles which we do not, and probably can not, produce, therefore, and the duties laid upon luxuries and merely for the sake of the revenues they yield, the object of the tariff duties henceforth laid must be effective competition, the whetting of American wits by contest with the wits of the rest of the world."

"It would be unwise to move toward this end headlong, with reckless haste, or with strokes that cut at the very roots of what has grown up amongst us by long process and at our own invitation. It does not alter a thing to upset it and break it and deprive it of a chance to change. It destroys it. We must make changes in our fiscal laws, in our fiscal system, whose object is development, a more free and wholesome development, not revolution or upset or confusion."

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COWLES IN MEXICAN FRACAS

Two of His Sailors Killed in a Street Fight by Guaymas Police—Admiral Defends Men

(Associated Press Cable)
GUAYMAS, Mex., April 11.—International complications are feared as the result of an encounter here between sailors of the cruiser California, flagship of the Pacific fleet, and Mexican police officers. Two of the sailors were killed and three of the police were wounded in the fight, which took place on the street last night. Admiral Walter C. Cowles, who has just taken over command of the fleet and made the California the flagship, declares that the two men killed had excellent records, which makes it improbable, he maintains, that they were aggressors in the fight.

CHINA IS NOT YET RECOGNIZED

(Associated Press Cable)
WASHINGTON, D. C., April 11.—The United States has not yet formally offered the note of recognition to the Republic of China, though Secretary of State Bryan stands ready to do so. The recognition has been deferred until the Chinese parliament actually organizes.

OHIO VICTIMS NUMBER 500

(Associated Press Cable)
COLUMBUS, O., April 11.—The final figures of deaths in the flood disaster here show that 500 have been drowned. The first reports are shown to have been exaggerated.

POPE IS ABLE TO LEAVE BED

(Associated Press Cable)
ROME, Italy, April 11.—The pope is declared today to have passed the critical stage of his severe illness and has left his bed.

BRITAIN MAY CLASS AMERICAN MILITANTS AS UNDESIRABLE ALIENS

(Associated Press Cable)
LONDON, Eng., April 11.—Zelle Emerson, the American girl imprisoned with the militant suffragettes and released after she had starved herself, has developed appendicitis.

The government authorities are seriously considering deporting the American militants as undesirable aliens.

MORGAN'S BODY HOME

(Associated Press Cable)
NEW YORK, N. Y., April 11.—The body of J. Pierpont Morgan arrived here today from Rome.

SUGAR

SAN FRANCISCO, April 10.—Sugar: 96 test, 3.36 cents. Previous quotation, 3.39 cents. Beets: 88 analysis, 9s 2 1/2. Parity, 4.06 cents. Previous quotation, 9s 9 1/2.

It became known today that the trial of Samuel D. Hausman, the aged Seattle banker held here on a charge of opium smuggling, will not be set in the U. S. district court before the last of April. All jurors have been dismissed for the present term which ends Saturday, and it will not be possible to call the veniremen for the new term before April 26. It was stated upon good authority this morning that Hausman has about made up his mind to make a clean breast of the matter and to throw himself upon the mercy of the court. In this case, Mrs. M. S. Taylor, the former stewardess of the Mongolia, will take Hausman's place upon the court calendar as an offender against a like charge of opium smuggling.

Senator John Sharp Williams of Mississippi will ask for a government appropriation of \$150,000,000 to be used in guarding against such disasters as have just befallen the middle western states.

It has been estimated that the cost to the British public of the militant suffragette campaign amounts to over \$100,000,000.—Today's News Today.